

trouble, and I just think that it does conflict. Although it may not be inconsistent so far as legal language is concerned, certainly it is inconsistent from my point of view of good government.

THE CHAIRMAN: I do not want to debate in advance the matters on General Provisions, but I am very anxious that there be no misunderstanding as to the meaning of the matter now before the Committee of the Whole, and I would therefore like, even though the question period is over, so that there will be no mistake, to request Delegate Sherbow to indicate whether the intent of the Committee on State Finance with respect to the effect of section 6.05 is as the Chair stated it or is different, because I do not think there ought to be any uncertainty as to what is intended in the section.

Delegate Sherbow.

DELEGATE SHERBOW: It is exactly as you have stated it, and as I have tried to say it. It is only to the extent that they are required by law.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any other amendments to section 6.05?

*(There was no response.)*

The Chair hears none. We will come back for Delegate Willoner's amendment.

Are there any amendments to section 6.06?

Delegate Bamberger.

DELEGATE BAMBERGER: I do not think it is necessary to submit an amendment to do this. I think Delegate Penniman was off the floor this morning when there was some discussion of the language in 6.04 and 6.06, and it is my understanding that while 6.04 gives the governor the complete authority to prescribe the form and detail of the budget, and the legislature has nothing to do with the form of the budget, that 6.06, line 39, the phrase "as may be prescribed by law" is applicable to the budget bill and not to the budget.

It is intended only to give the legislature power to prescribe the form and detail of the bill, rather than the budget.

THE CHAIRMAN: As I understand Delegate Bamberger's statement, it is as follows:

He understands that the meaning of the first sentence of section 6.06, and particularly the last phrase in line 39, "as may be prescribed by law," meant that the gov-

ernor would determine matters of form as to the budget, and that the last phrase, "as may be prescribed by law," was intended to give the legislature a power to make provisions as to the form of the budget bill, but not the budget.

Was this your understanding?

DELEGATE SHERBOW: I do not understand it that way.

THE CHAIRMAN: Maybe you had better state what your understanding of it is.

DELEGATE SHERBOW: Our understanding of it is that the purpose is that the governor shall deliver a budget and then a budget bill, and it shall be in such form and in such detail as he shall determine. It shall be in such form and detail as may be prescribed by law, and as such it means the General Assembly can change the form. They cannot change the act which is herein contained with respect to restrictions as to what may not be changed.

THE CHAIRMAN: I do not think that is the question Delegate Sherbow.

The question, as the Chair understands it, is whether the form of the budget and the form of the budget bill first shall be determined by the governor. Is this correct?

DELEGATE SHERBOW: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: As to both?

DELEGATE SHERBOW: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: So that the intent first is that the governor, prior to submitting, determines the form of the budget, determines the form of the budget bill.

The second question is, is the legislature to have the authority in advance to prescribe by law the form of the budget?

Delegate Sherbow.

DELEGATE SHERBOW: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thirdly, is the legislature in advance to have the authority to prescribe by law the form of the budget bill?

DELEGATE SHERBOW: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Bamberger, do you have a further question?

DELEGATE BAMBERGER: I am then bothered by the Chairman's statements now which I think are different from his statements in the questioning period; but more importantly, I am bothered by the language on page 2, lines 11 and 12, section 6.04,